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NEBRASKA CATTLE ON FEED UP 4 PERCENT FROM A YEAR AGO

LINCOLN, Neb., December 23, 2005 -- Nebraska feedlots, with capacities of 1,000 or more head, contained 2.4 million cattle on feed on December 1, according to USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, Nebraska Field Office. This inventory was up 4 percent from last year and 5 percent above December 1, 2003. This is the second highest December 1 inventory since the series began in 1994.

Placements during November totaled 440,000 head, up 7 percent from both 2004 and 2003.

Fed cattle marketings for the month of November totaled 305,000 head, down 2 percent from last year but 17 percent above November two years ago. Other disappearance during November totaled 15,000 head, compared with 10,000 head for both last year and 2003.

U.S. CATTLE ON FEED UP 3 PERCENT

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 11.7 million head on December 1, 2005. The inventory was 3 percent above both December 1, 2004 and 2003.

Placements in feedlots during November totaled 2.05 million, 17 percent above 2004 and 6 percent above 2003.

Marketings of fed cattle during November totaled 1.70 million, 4 percent above 2004 and 11 percent above 2003. Other disappearance totaled 91,000 during November, 16 percent below 2004 and 6 percent below 2003.

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